



August 14, 2018

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to
Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket
No. 18-141

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to you on behalf of LMi.net. Founded in 1992, we are a local alternative for Internet service in the San Francisco Bay Area. We are a Sonic customer, and we urge you not to grant USTelecom's petition.

LMi.net purchases copper-based DSL services as well as fiber optic service from Sonic. We offer Internet services from 10Mb up to 1Gb, both symmetric and asymmetric. We have chosen Sonic as a partner due to their attention to customer service, their ease to work with, their fair resale pricing, and the lack of an alternative partner for the specific products that we purchase.

If we were no longer able to purchase Internet services from Sonic, thousands of Bay Area customers would lose their ability to have a competitive choice. In all likelihood, LMi.net would be forced to lay off half of its staff. This scenario would be a nightmare for customers of LMi.net, as well as employees of both Sonic and LMi.net.

Please do not end the ability of providers like Sonic to offer an alternative to the incumbent providers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Gary Morrell', written over a horizontal line.

Gary Morrell
President
LMi.net